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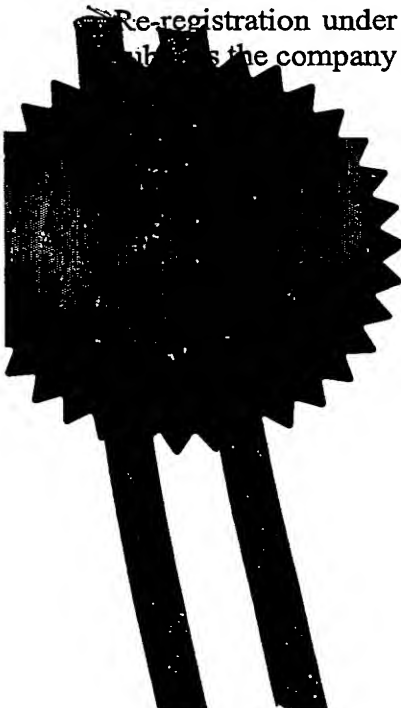
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Method for the Reduction of Haematocrit Effect on Test Strips and Biosensors

This invention relates to the use of a reagent on biosensor strips to reduce the unwanted effect of haematocrit effects on the test strips.

Saponin has been widely used as a lysing agent in diagnostic and analytical procedures. However in this reagent is combined with a second faster acting agent such as digitonin or DNMG (Decanoyl-N-Methylglucamide) to produce a lysing agent that is more rapid. This is of use in strips that have very fast reaction times.

Preferentially the reagent may be combined with, and also contain:

- An enzyme of choice (e.g. glucose dehydrogenase, or other red ox enzyme)
- A hydrophilic polymer (e.g. PVA, PVP, carboxy-methyl cellulose)
- A buffer and/or stabiliser

The reagent may be made up in an aqueous or organic solution and then dosed onto an electrode to form or complete the working electrode of a biosensor. In this manner a member may be formed that reduces the interfering effect of whole blood on the device.

Reagent may be applied to a device by any of the known methods in the art including, but not limited to screen printing, close proximity dosing, ink-jet printing, lithography, spray coating.

The reagent is applied to the electrode surface and then typically air dried at temperatures of between 40-60C until dry.

The reagent may be applied to devices fabricated by a number of means including screen printed electrodes, etched micro-arrays, thin film electrodes.

A mediator or co-factor compound may also be included in the reagent. Alternatively the co-factor and /or mediator may be applied directly onto the biosensor surface.

Devices can be constructed using methods available in the art that have very small fill volumes (down to 10-50nL) and fast reaction times.

Example 1: A mediator such as Meldola Blue is dosed onto an electrode surface. A screen printed layer of carbon, graphite, polymers and co-factor is screen printed over the electrode. A reagent as described above is then dosed onto the electrode containing PVP, glucose dehydrogenase and saponin/DNMG. The device may be completed by applying a mesh structure as described in US 6436256 or a capillary fill chamber.

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